

222. Remington - Jakkals / Rooikat EXCELLENT CALIBRE

I have used this calibre for years, I originally bought my 222 Rem from a guy working on an oil rig, and it was over 19 years ago, I paid **R500-00** for it, and about 2 years ago I did the stock and fitted a Lynx scope with large objective with a parallax adjustment as I use it at night with my night vision equipment.



I use a standard load and after many rounds fired this is my top go to load for dead on, serious accuracy.



S321 powder with 23, 5 grains of powder and a 52 grain soft point bullet.

Here is a photo of the set up I am using recently on a general jackal / Rooikat calling stand when I use a small chair, the rifle rests next to me OR it can stand straight up in the centre, I prefer it next to me, the front V swivels so I can aim in any direction.

I use a smaller chair on longer trips so it makes all the weight less, and night hunting requires us to carry so much more extra kit, so the smaller and lighter I can travel the better for me.

My rifle is a BRND double trigger FOX model, manufactured in 1979.

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By using a smaller chair makes life easier when using the double cab bakkie as space is more limited.

This particular hunt I called at a place that has given me a good amount of Rooikatte, this time a Groukat came into the caller after 65 minutes with a wind blowing and we shot him at 80m, bullet went exactly to the place I was aiming as he stood and looked at me.



The 222 is a deadly accurate calibre - known for its accuracy and a tin of powder goes a long way, my rifle may be made in 1979, but it can match just about any new rifle bought brand new today in looks and accuracy - it is a real tack driver and at 130m I can put 3 shots in an inch circle.

This is the same place that the previous footage was taken, same place just the previous hunt.



I sat at a place that had been visited by a Lynx, 5 dead lambs scattered around like foam from rough seas, I waited till darkness, scanned and called with a squeaker, 4 minutes he showed an eye, 15 minutes later he cleared cover, and I shot him in the head at 170m with the 222, I love my 222 it is one of the most accurate rifles I have yet owned.



I use a smaller chair on farms when I need to take more gear like camping stuff etc, when space is an issue, the chair has a swinging V on the arm and when I take dead rest the rifle with an elbow rest and that front V gives me a 100% DEAD STILL ABILITY to shoot at long range. Your rest on the chair is as important as a scope mount, a good gun is only as good as your scope mounts.

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This Rooikat killed 3 lambs, I waited an hour for this cat to return, took over 20 minutes to cover about 40m from a hill top, very cautious cat, on high alert, at 120m I took the shot, perfect placement in pitch dark without any lights at all. Rifle deadly accurate, many cats have fallen to this 222.



Mother and daughter, she taught the kitten to hunt, killed 5 lambs, I waited around 38 minutes for them to return, two head shots at 123m, the 222 is an awesome deadly calibre. Shot with night vision no lights at all.

Best way to target Caracal, just wait the next night, they 99% of time will return the next night!

LOAD; 23,5 grains S321 powder, 52grain #1330 Sierra soft point.

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The 222 Remington was a VERY popular cartridge with farmers year's back, many farmers had a 222 or the 223 Brno Fox for culling - many still do

Montagu, jackal that was called and fell to the 222, the rifle has worked well over the years, is an awesome gun.

Since the day I bought it - it has been a favourite of mine.



The money spent on its upgrade with new laminated stock was well worth the effort, the rifle deserves it 100%.



Two pictures about 19 years ago, the gun has worked, lovely little rifle.

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